

*O Christ, Son of God, you were before the world began, and you came to earth to save us all. Make us witnesses of this Good News. **Kyrie eleison...***

*Sun of justice, you shone at the Father's side and illuminated the universe. Give light to all who dwell in the darkness of sickness, depression, hopelessness or grief. **Kyrie eleison...***

*You became a little child and were laid in a manger. Renew in us the simplicity of childhood. **Kyrie eleison...***

*King of glory, you accepted such an inconceivable humbling. Give us hearts which are poor. **Kyrie eleison...***

*Jesus, you showed us the way of obedience. Help us to surrender to you, that your will may be done in us. **Kyrie eleison...***

Chant 142 : Exaudi orationem meam

**Your love embraces me and sustains me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, let my cry come to you.
You dwell in light eternal, living God,
Everlasting, merciful.**

Silence

A prayer by Brother Roger, founder of the Taizé Community

Christ Jesus, you never lead us into discouragements that knock us off balance, but you enable us to achieve a communion with you. And though there may be trials in store for each person, there is above all a compassion which comes from you. It brings us back to life.

Chant 33 : Nunc dimittis ♪

We leave in silence.
Please allow those who wish to do so
to continue to pray undisturbed.

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Taizé Prayer 72 (50) 1st February 2015

Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community for Candlemas

Welcome! Please feel free to sit quietly or to join in as you feel most comfortable. We will be following a pattern based on the worship of the Taizé Community, one of whose aims has always been to make Christian worship as simple and uncluttered as possible.

Taizé is a small village in eastern France. For almost 70 years, it has been the home of a Christian monastic community made up of brothers from many different countries, speaking many different languages and, uniquely, belonging to several different Christian denominations. Catholics, Anglicans, Protestants, Orthodox and others live and pray together, share a simple life and welcome the tens of thousands of visitors who come to spend time with them every year from all over the world.

The numbers refer to the orange booklet of Taizé Chants which you received as you joined us. This symbol ♪ indicates that we sing the English translation provided alongside the music.

Opening Silence

For Silent Prayer

“Shine in my darkness, Lord. Dispel the doubt and fear that cling so close. Turn the weak moonlight of my faith to brighter day in which I see your radiance, know your love.”

Eddie Askew, *Facing the Storm*

Chant 56 : Sanctum nomen Domini

**sanctum nomen – the holy name
domini – of the Lord
magnificat anima mea – my soul praises**

From Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the

Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. [...] The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Silence

In the silence, we call to mind our sins and reflect on the Psalm. Then, trusting in God, we sing...

Chant 140 : Il Signore ti ristora

***You restore me and embrace me.
Never will you reject me.
In your love, you run with joy to meet me.
Lord, you always seek me.***

From Malachi chapter 3

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight; indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Silence

Chant 113 : God is Forgiveness

A reading from St Luke's Gospel chapter 2

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting

for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Chant 17 : El Senyor ♪

Long Silence

Food for Thought in the Silence

"No matter who or where you are, the story of Jesus, from the feeding-trough in Bethlehem to the empty tomb and beyond, can become your story. In becoming your story, it will become your vocation. Everybody has their own role in God's plan. For some, it will be active, obvious, working in the public eye. [...] For others, it will be quiet, away from public view, praying faithfully for God to act in fulfilment of His promises. For many, it will be a mixture of the two. [...] Mary and Joseph needed Simeon and Anna at that moment; the old man and old woman needed them, had been waiting for them, and now thanked God for them."

Tom Wright *Luke for Everyone*

Chant 50 : Nada te turbe ♪

Silence

Intercessions

Between each prayer, we sing

Chant 89